

Private Lands Hunts

Landowners throughout the state offer hunting opportunities for big game species such as deer, antelope and elk under the DFG's Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management (PLM) Program. Under the program, the Commission may authorize limited numbers of tags for certain species to landowners who agree to protect and improve valuable wildlife habitat in conformance with the DFG's management plans for those species.

Landowners may offset their costs for habitat work on their property by charging licensed hunters access and service fees. To ensure that no California hunter takes more than two deer in any license year, hunters must turn in a DFG deer tag application, unsuccessful draw notice or unfilled deer tag to obtain a PLM deer tag. For a list of participating landowners, contact DFG's Wildlife Programs Branch in Sacramento at (916) 445-3564 or visit our web site at:

www.dfg.ca.gov/hunting/deer/plm.html

Facts about the PLM Program

- There are currently 83 PLM properties.
- The program encompasses more than 882,000 acres of wildlife habitat.
- California has about 101 million acres of land, about half of which is privately owned.
- The largest PLM property is 270,000 acres; the smallest property is 340 acres.
- The average PLM size is about 10,627 acres; half have fewer than 5,660 acres.
- Many wildlife species benefit, including deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, wild turkey, quail and waterfowl, as well as threatened and endangered species like the bald eagle and red-legged frog.
- The program began in 1979 as a three-year pilot program with five ranches in five counties. In 1983, the California Legislature voted to make it a long term program.
- Participation in the program requires the submission and acceptance of a sound management plan. PLM areas are licensed for five-year periods; annual reviews ensure that agreed-upon habitat improvements have been made.
- Many PLM properties offer expanded hunting season dates and/or bag limits. Wherever possible, "parity hunts" with similar season dates are offered for people hunting on public lands adjacent to these properties.
- Wildlife do not recognize property boundaries between public and private lands, so improvements to a PLM property can benefit adjacent public land as well.

Fund-Raising Big Game Tags

In addition to the big game hunting tags available to the public, the DFG makes a limited number of tags available for sale through fund-raising auctions

conducted by our partners in wildlife conservation. All proceeds go directly to the DFG's management programs for those species.

For dates and locations of the upcoming fund-raising tag auction banquets, contact Craig Stowers at (916) 445-3553 or via email at cstowers@dfg.ca.gov.

Tag Sale Prices in 2005

Pronghorn Antelope	\$ 4,000
Pronghorn Antelope	4,500
Open Zone Deer	7,000
Open Zone Deer	7,500
Open Zone Deer	8,800
Open Zone Deer	9,000
Open Zone Deer	10,250
Golden Opportunity Deer	13,000
Golden Opportunity Deer	18,500
Golden Opportunity Deer	19,000
Golden Opportunity Deer	22,000
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Owens Valley Elk	20,000
Grizzly Island Elk	40,000
Grizzly Island Elk	42,500
Bighorn Sheep	85,000
Desert Bighorn Sheep	75,000
Total	\$408,050

Fund-raising tags available for the 2006/2007 hunting season

5 Golden Opportunity Deer	Hunt statewide (any zone) from July 9 through December 31 using any authorized methods of take.
5 Open Zone Deer	Hunt during the authorized season dates of any hunt zone, using the specified method of take for that zone.
2 Grizzly Island Elk	Hunt at the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (Solano County) beginning August 6 through September 4.
1 Owens Valley Elk	Hunt from July 30 through August 28 in any open tule elk zone in the Owens Valley (Bishop, Lone Pine, Independence, and Tinemaha zones).
2 Pronghorn Antelope	Hunt from July 30 through September 18 in any of the six pronghorn antelope public hunt zones in northeastern California.
2 Desert Bighorn Sheep	Hunt in any of the six approved hunt zones, beginning one month prior to the opening of the general bighorn season and over a period of three months.